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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment steady to firm on whole turkeys. Inquiry light to fair with best interest noted for deferred shipments. Trading light to fair centering on private label frozen commodity hens in the Midwest at 69 cents transferred-in-storage during August. Offerings generally light for current shipments with availability varying by processor. Bulk parts and meat trading light. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat, tom drums and thigh meat continue to exceed demand. Breast trim offerings light with increased confidence noted.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading becoming more active on thigh meat at the lower trending price levels, light on the balance of items. Demand light to fair for Asia, light for Mexico, the Caribbean and Russia.



WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) JULY 15, 1999

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	70-75	70	70.00	80	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	70-70.5	70.5	70.50	10	76.00	40	SEP	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	70-75	70	70.00	80	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	71-71.5	71.5	71.50	10	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	71-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	70-75	70	70.00	80	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	68.5-70.5	68.5-70	69.70	100	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	400	AUG
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	70-75	70	70.00	80	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	69.5-71.5	69.5-71	70.70	100	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	71-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF JULY 16, 1999	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	70.00	70.00	60.90 **
CENTRAL REGION	69.77	69.00	60.30
WESTERN REGION	71.00 **	70.13 **	62.50
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	70.00	70.00	64.00
CENTRAL REGION	70.77	70.50 **	62.21 **
WESTERN REGION	72.00 **	70.50 **	63.50

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	90-92
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	92
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	74-77
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	75-78
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	77-81

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	88-92
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	87-92
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	87-92
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	88-92
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	90-104

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS
PER POUND, WEEK OF 19-JUL-99

	<u>(8-16#)</u>	<u>(16-24#)</u>
	<u>HENS LBS</u>	<u>TOMS LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE (000)</u>	<u>PRICE (000)</u>

SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)		
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)		
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)		
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)	120	20

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NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 03-Jul-99
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	---YOUNG TURKEYS---			FRYER	OLD	TOTAL	TKY
	THOUSAND	PW	AVG				
	HEAD	%	CHG	WT	RSTR	BAND	AVG
N EAST	449	-30	24.51	(A)	(A)	451	24.60
S ATL	505	14	33.08	(A)	(A)	507	33.04
N CENT	1,691	-34	28.48	(A)	(A)	1,714	28.46
S CENT	556	-62	18.77	NONE	NONE	556	18.77
WEST	307	-50	24.78	(A)	(A)	320	24.83
U.S.TOTAL	3,508(B)-39	26.77		0	40	3,548	26.78

TO DATE

1999 121,456(B) 55 851 122,362

TO DATE

1998 131,782(B) 32 956 132,770

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 14,000 for the year 364,000; last year to date 481,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 03-Jul-99

	FRYER-	YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	ROASTERS	TURKEYS	BANDED	
	-----THOUSANDS-----			
HEAD	0	3,508	40	3,548
AVGWT	0.00	26.77	27.43	26.78
LAST WEEK	0	5,747	37	5,784
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	4,745	34	4,779
AVGWT	0.00	24.28(A)	25.71	24.29
TO-DATE/1999	55	121,456(A)	851	122,362
TO-DATE/1998	32	131,782(A)	956	132,770

(A) Includes 364,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 481,000 in 1998.

CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP 03-Jul-99

FRYER/ROASTER 0, TO DATE 0; YOUNG 307 HD, 7,606 LBS,
TO DATE 8,077 HD, 196,616 LBS; OLD 13 HD, TO DATE 152 HD;
TOTAL 320 HD, TO DATE 8,229 HD.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS) SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

JUNE	453,574 *
JULY 1-3, 1999	30,403 *
To date 1999	2,531,287 *
To date 1998	2,674,256 *

* PRELIMINARY

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 15 JULY 1999.

The market tone for tom breast meat was cautious, thigh meat weak. Trading was limited as contracts filled current needs. Supplies of v-type wings and necks were tight, tom drums were available. Hen v-type wings moved at 45 cents into export channels.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		T	99.00	200
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	135.00		135.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	95.00		95.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	17.09	220
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	16.50		16.50	14
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	17.50	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	18.64	22
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	18.00	160
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	21.33	60
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	42.00	40
NECKS, TOM		W	15.00	40
NECKS, HEN		T	15.00	7
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	183.00		183.00	50
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	190.00		190.00	40
THIGH MEAT		R	59.00	3
THIGH MEAT—FRESH				
BREAST TRIM MEAT		T	112.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS		F	155.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	164.00		164.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	67.83	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	21.00		21.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	16.50-17.00		16.75	160
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	19.75	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	21.00	104
TAILS		T	16.92	190
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	21.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	53.13	320

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted. 3/ Without tenderloins. 4/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 16 JULY 1999.

Market activity was quiet on most items, with trading on fresh mechanically separated turkey trending lower. Trade sentiment continued soft on thigh meat and mechanically separated turkey. Fresh tom wings traded at 20 cents delivered and nine loads of fresh destrapped tenders sold at open prices for July-August delivery. Export trading was most active on thigh meat to Asia.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		T	99.00	200	99.00	200
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	135.00	40	135.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	95.00	40	93.77	520
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	17.00		17.00	40	17.29	345
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		R	16.50	14	16.50	14
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	17.50	80		
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	18.64	22	18.64	22
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	20.00		20.00	9	20.00	9
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	23.50		23.50	40	22.09	220
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	42.00	40		
NECKS, TOM	15.00		15.00	21	14.62	117
NECKS, HEN	14.00		14.00	9	14.44	16
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	180.50		180.50	80	181.70	172
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	190.00		190.00	110	189.75	810
THIGH MEAT						
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	52.00		52.00	20	52.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT	110.00		110.00	80	110.67	120
SCAPULA MEAT	77.00		77.00	40	77.00	40
TENDERLOINS		F	155.00	40		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	165.00		165.00	160	164.56	360
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	67.50		67.50	80	67.70	200
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.00		15.00	40	15.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.00-20.00		18.40	288	21.28	968
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	18.00-19.00		18.50	180	17.63	524
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	18.50-21.00		20.17	60	20.17	60
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	21.00	104	21.00	104
TAILS	16.00		16.00	52	16.72	242
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	21.00	40		
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	50.00-54.00		51.49	708	51.72	1,132

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